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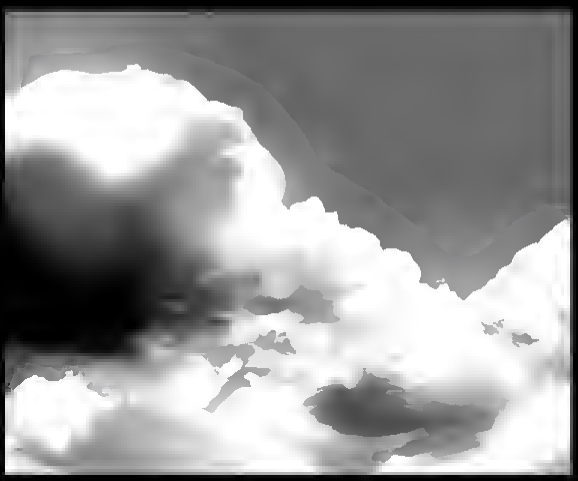
HELP
MUNCH
MUNCH

DAD, YOU WILL CHOKE YOURSELF...!
EAT SLOWLY...
OH MY...
YOU BECAME A GREAT COOK...
HEY. SIS~ DAD SAID HE'LL BUY ME A CELL PHONE TODAY!!
I GET TO HAVE A PHONE NOW!!
STOP TALKIN' AND EAT!
YOU'RE ALREADY LATE.
GULP
GULP
I'M GOING TO SCHOOL~
OKAY~
TAKE YOUR LUNCH BOX!



MOM.

DAD'S HOME

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE DAD LEFT HOME BECAUSE OF HIS DEBT...

AND THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS SIX MONTHS AGO...

DID YONSPAL COME LOOKING FOR ME WHEN I WASN'T HOME...?
A COUPLE OF TIMES...

YOU'VE HAD A HARD TIME...
WHILE I WAS GONE, RIGHT?

...I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL.
I'M LATE...

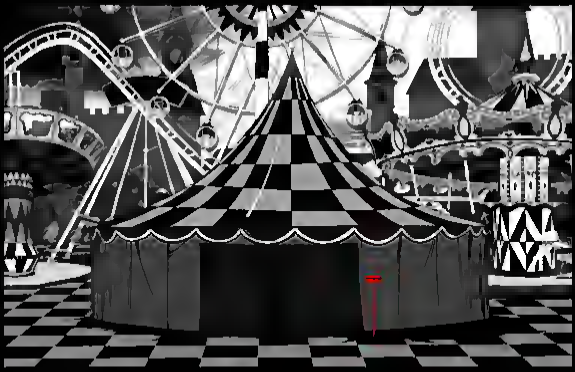
I WANTED TO ASK DAD...
IF HE'S GOING TO STAY HOME WITH US NOW...

AND IF HE TOOK CARE OF ALL THE DEBT...

BUT I CHOSE NOT TO.

'CAUSE I'M SCARED...

THANKS TO YOU



I HAVE SOME PERSONAL MATTERS AT HOME SO I CAN'T COME HERE FOR A WHILE...
...WHAT?

...WHY?
...WHAT'S THE MATTER?

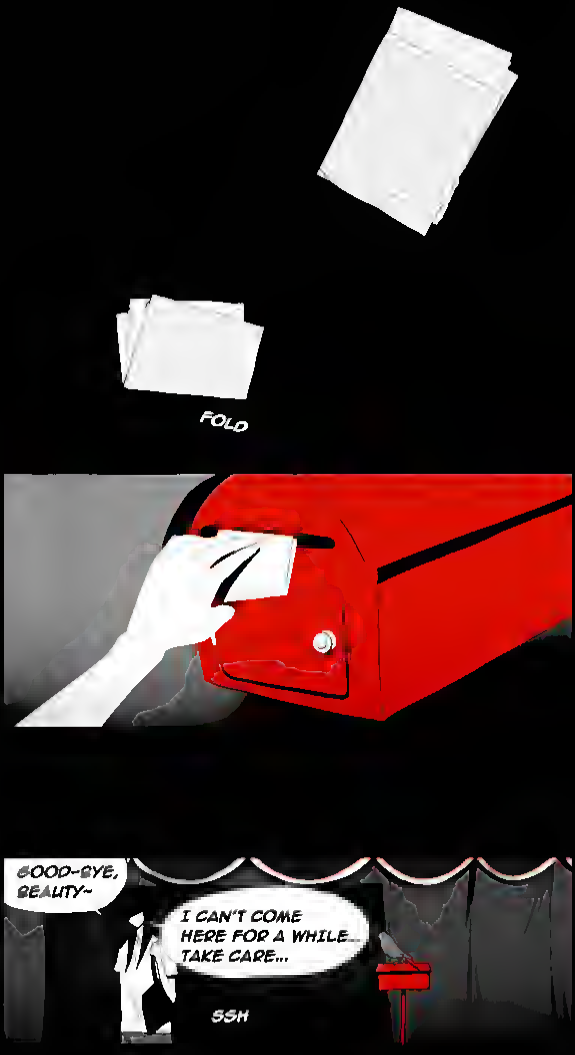
...NOTHING SERIOUS.
SSH
...I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME.
...NEXT TIME? WHEN IS THAT?

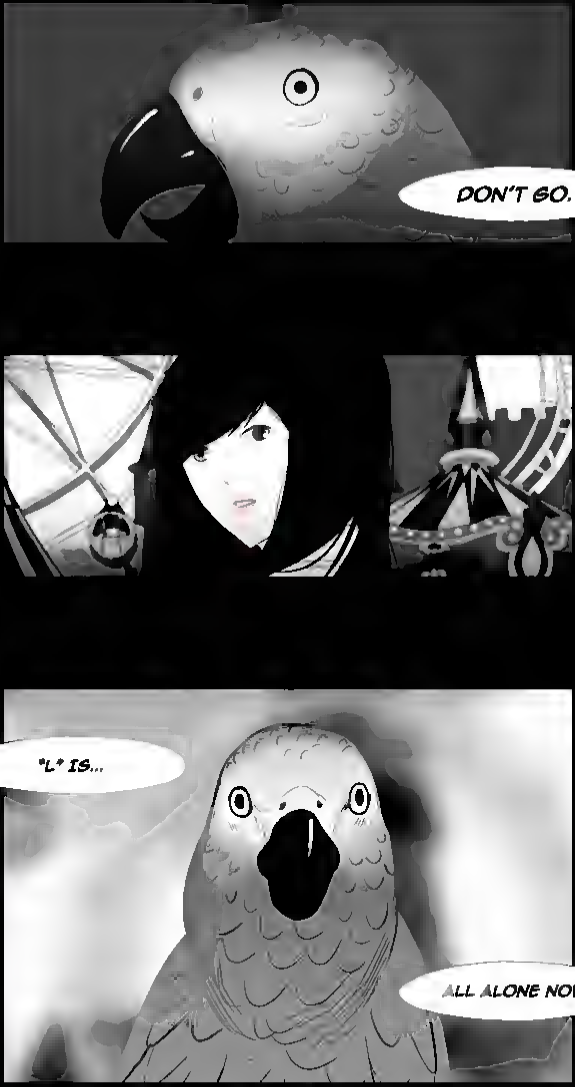
MOM

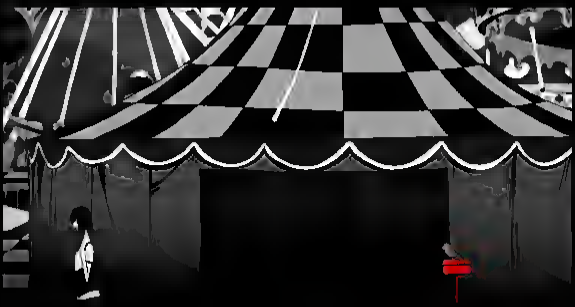
YOU THINK DAD GAME HOME FOR GOOD?

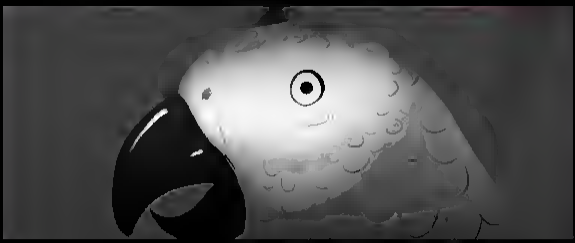
I WISH HE'S BACK FOREVER

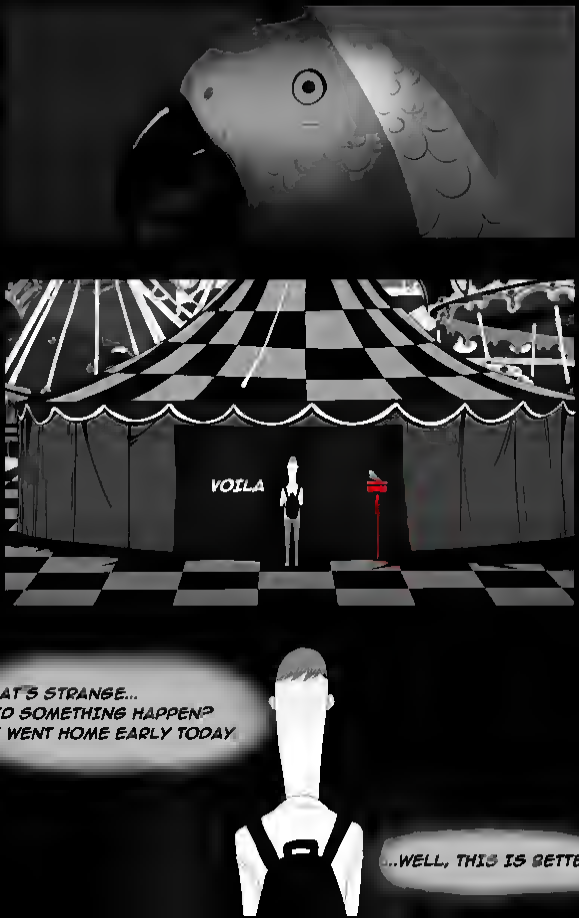
SO THAT I CAN STOP WORRYING ABOUT MONEY
AND JUST FOCUS ON MY STUDY


FOLD
GOOD-BYE, BEAUTY~
I CAN'T COME HERE FOR A WHILE... TAKE CARE...
SSH


DON'T GO.
"L" IS...
ALL ALONE NOW.






VOILA
THAT'S STRANGE...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
AI WENT HOME EARLY TODAY.
...WELL, THIS IS BETTER.

THE ANSWER...!!
ALL I NEED IS TO FIND OUT THE ANSWER TO THAT BURNING HANDKERCHIEF MAGIC!!

BUT WHAT SHOULD SAY?
MY PRIDE WILL GET HURT IF I JUST ASK HIM TO TEACH ME.
AFTER ALL, HE'S MY RIVAL...
OR SHOULD I PAY HIM AND MAKE HIM TEACH ME, LIKE A MAN?
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MONEY...
ARGH... WHAT SHOULD I DO...???
...I'LL WAIT FOR JUST 10 MINUTES AND BARGE IN..!

TICKET

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DARN!! WHAT SHOULD I SAY? I'VE NEVER ASKED A FAVOR TO ANYBODY IN MY LIFE!!
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I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE FOR 3 HOURS NOW!!!
FINE!! WHATEVER!!
PRIDE WON'T SAVE ME!!
PASS BY
STARTLED

...HUH?
WHERE IS HE HEADED?
RING RING
.....OH...
MOTHER...
WHERE ARE YOU?!!!!!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ...OF COURSE I'M AT THE ACADEMY...
I HAVE CLASS TODAY...
DON'T LIE TO ME!!! I GOT A CALL FROM THEM 'CAUSE YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP!!!
WHERE ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET BACK HOME RIGHT NOW!!!

.....OH...
...OKAY...

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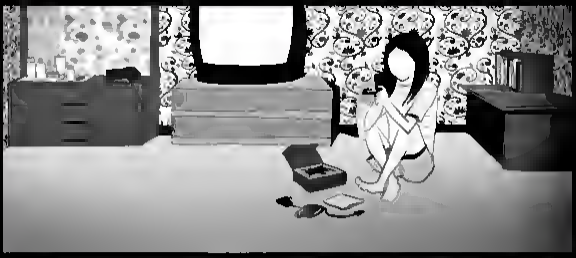
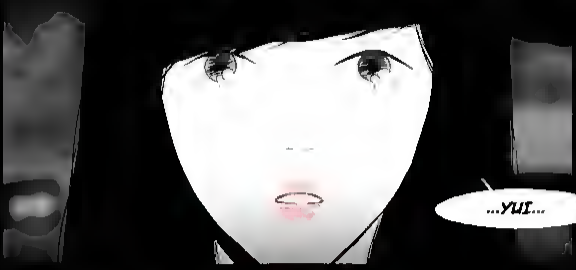
PLOD
DAD SAID HE'LL GET YUI A PHONE SO... THAT MEANS HE HAS A JOB NOW?
IT'D BE BETTER IF HE PAID OFF SOME DEBT, TOO.
YUI...
SIGH
DAD... I'M HOME.



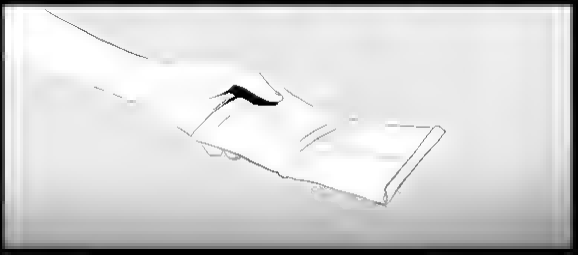

...YUI...

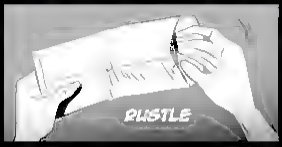
DAD...
...BOUGHT ME A CELL PHONE...

WE CAME HOME BUT THERE WERE OTHER MEN WAITING FOR HIM...
SO DAD RAN AWAY AGAIN...

LET'S EAT... YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.
I BOUGHT SOME THINGS... I'LL MAKE SOME SOUP...

HERE...
DAD TOLD ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.




RUSTLE

I'M SORRY
I'LL TAKE CARE
OF ALL THE MESS
AND COME BACK

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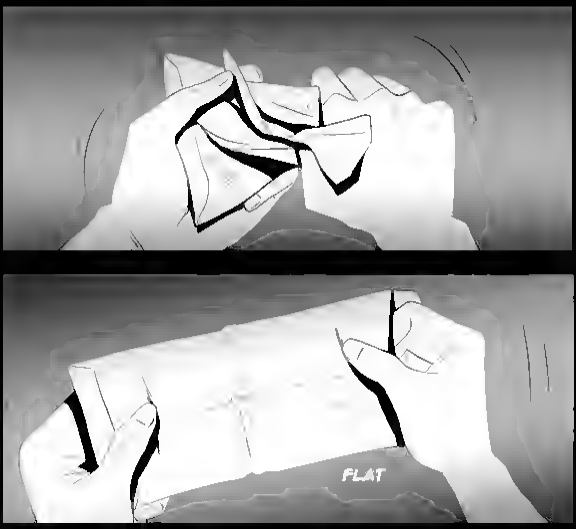
SIGH

SQUEEZE



WHEN DAD RAN AWAY
FOR THE FIRST TIME...

I WONDERED WHY THESE THINGS
WOULD ONLY HAPPEN TO ME...

WHY CAN'T I HAVE ANYTHING
OTHER KIDS HAVE...

I HELD A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM...

BUT NOW I'M TIRED OF DOING SO.

I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT FAST.

WHEN I GROW UP...

I WON'T HAVE TO BE SWAYED
BY ADULTS WHO ARE IMMATURE...

I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT FAST.

I WAS... WORRIED
YOU SAID SOMETHING'S GOING ON AT HOME... SO I GOT WORRIED
BOW
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T DISCUSS IT WITH YOU... BUT I CAN'T LEARN MAGIC ANY MORE... I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR ME

...BUT WHY?

GLANCE
.....

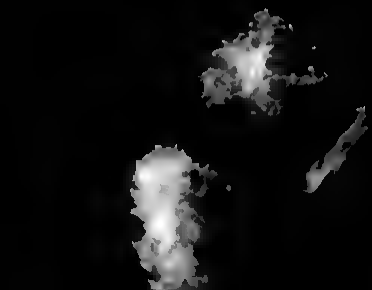
LOOK HOW I LIVE... I LIVE ALONE WITH MY SISTER IN THAT ROOM... WITHOUT MY PARENTS...
I BARELY PAY THE RENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND MY PART-TIME SALARY...

BUT I WANT TO ENTER A NICE COLLEGE. SO I CAN'T GIVE UP STUDYING. ALSO, I HAVE TO STUDY HARDER TO GET THE CHANCE TO GET THE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP.
COME TO THINK OF IT... I GUESS I PUSHED MYSELF TO LEARN MAGIC WHEN I SHOULDN'T... I'M SORRY.
YOU SAID YOUR DREAM WAS TO BECOME A MAGICIAN.
GIVING UP WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS SO SAD...
...YOU SHOULD LEAVE NOW...

IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR DREAM..
...THAT'S THE END.
MISTER...

...EVERY NONSENSE YOU SAY... DOESN'T AFFECT ME IN ANY WAY...
I'M SORRY BUT EVERYTHING YOU SAY... DOESN'T HELP ME NOR CONSOLE ME AT ALL...
IF YOU WANT TO TEACH MAGIC TO SOMEONE.. YOU CAN TEACH SOMEONE ELSE OTHER THAN ME
SSH
A CLASSMATE OF MINE WENT THERE AND ASKED YOU, DIDN'T SHE?

I DON'T WANT TO.
WHY NOT? WHY ARE YOU SO FIXATED ON ME?
FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET... YOU PURPOSELY APPROACHED ME AND GOT INTO A MESS AFTER FOLLOWING ME HOME...
...IS IT BECAUSE YOU PITY ME?
...BECAUSE I LIKE YOU...



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